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**Legislative Document**

**No. 899**

S. P. 373

In Senate, February 23, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Palmer of Lincoln.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Published Records of Vital Statistics.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 21, amended.** Section 21 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 21. Published records of vital statistics to be purchased.** Whenever the record of the births, marriages and deaths of any town in the state, previous to the year 1892, beginning at the very earliest date, shall be collected from church records, church registers, records of clergymen, family Bibles, public records and other available sources, and shall be printed and verified in the manner required by the standing committee of the Maine Historical Society, under the editorship of some person selected by said committee, whose services shall be rendered free and without any compensation, and the work shall appear to them to have been prepared with accuracy, the librarian of the state library shall purchase ~~50~~ 150 copies of such record at a price not exceeding 2c per page ; provided that the written copies of the town records shall become the property of the state, and shall be de-

posited in the office of the registrar of vital statistics; and provided further, that not more than \$3,000 shall be expended by authority of this section in any one year.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38, § 22, repealed and replaced.** Section 22 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 22. Records of vital statistics, distribution.** The records of vital statistics purchased as aforesaid shall be distributed by the librarian as follows: to each registry of deeds in the state, and to such libraries and historical societies as may wish to receive them. The remainder shall be kept by the librarian for exchange and library use.'